

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING 41
DATE: July 21, 2003

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda	ORIGINATING DEPT: Police	ITEM NO. D-12
ITEM DESCRIPTION: Rochester/Olmsted Public Safety Technology Grant		PREPARED BY: Roger Peterson

In 2001, the Minnesota Department of Transportation was awarded a COPS Technology Grant from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the purpose of improving public safety communications in Southeastern Minnesota. The State intended to begin construction on the infrastructure needed to implement an interoperable 800 MHz trunked radio system. The original project ran into significant obstacles and the State amended the grant with the approval of the U.S. DOJ. Because the grant was intended to improve the ability of law enforcement agencies in Southeastern Minnesota to communicate more effectively, MN DOT offered the grant money to Rochester and Olmsted County.

A combined City/County workgroup has met since July of 2002 and worked toward identifying a number of projects that would benefit public safety communications within the parameters for the grant. The workgroup finalized a plan and submitted the proposal to the DOT. The proposal was approved.

The project is comprised of three major components.

- Communications Unit Radio System Upgrade
- Mobile data System Upgrade
- Automatic Vehicle Locating System

The State has allocated \$985,750 to Rochester/Olmsted County for these projects. There is no local match required to accept the money.

The State of Minnesota will be the fiscal agent, and will manage the payment of vendors upon approval of work by local staff.

Council Action Requested:

Approval to participate in the Rochester/Olmsted County Public Safety Technology Grant . Approval to accept funding from the U.S. Dept of Justice and State of Minnesota for the technology project. Approval for the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Mayor, or City Administrator to sign an agreement with the State of Minnesota and/or U.S. Dept of Justice. Approval for the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Mayor or City Administrator to sign contracts for vendors to facilitate the purchase of equipment and training under this grant program.

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion by: _____ Second by: _____ to: _____

